WLGS 31 Muiravonside, Carriber Glen (Proposed RIGS) [NS 9690 7518]

WLC site description

Part of the Clackmannan Group sites

Other designations: B-SSSI (Carriber Glen); AGLV; LWS (River Avon); CP (adjacent to Muiravonside); AWI (Carriber Glen); SNWI

This site was not visited, but the Calmy Limestone (Upper Limestone Formation) was formerly mined in several quarries south of the River Avon in Carriber Glen.

This site forms part of Carriber Glen Biological SSSI, one of the two largest areas of semi- natural mixed deciduous woodland in West Lothian, with a complex geology leading to a diversity of woodland types within the site. Primary woodland is a scarce habitat in West Lothian. The Calmy Limestone within the site supports ash/elm woodland. This is the largest example of this unusual type of woodland in Lothians. The woodland is relatively undisturbed and contains several plant species which are scarce in Lothians.